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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND, MARCH QUARTER 1968

Details of industrial accidents given in this bulletin were extracted from claims for workers' compensation finalised or becoming three years old during the quarter ended 31 March 1968. They do not represent accidents actually occurring within this period.

In these statistics the objective has been not only to meet the requirements of the Division of Occupational Safety of the State Department of Labour and Tourism, but also to conform to standards set by the International Labour Organisation for the international comparison of industrial accident statistics.

An analysis of the March quarter 1968 claims showed that, of the 10,008 work injuries, 9,252, or 92.4 per cent, were for males, and 756, or 7.6 per cent, for females, and that 9,803, or 98.0 per cent of all injuries, were of a temporary nature, 181, or 1.8 per cent, resulted in permanent disabilities, while 24, or 0.2 per cent, were fatal injuries (all males).

Total calendar days lost through temporary disabilities amounted to 174,834 for males and 14,153 for females. Male employees lost an average of 19.3 days, and 39.1 per cent of absences did not exceed one week's duration. The average number of days lost by female employees through temporary disabilities was 19.0, and 41.4 per cent of absences did not exceed one week's duration.

Of the male occupation groups listed in Table 2, Metal Tradesmen and Process Workers suffered most injuries (1,996, or 21.6 per cent). In the female grouping, more accidents (200, or 26.5 per cent of the total) happened to Service Industry and Recreation Workers than to any other group.

The most common single agency related to the accident group was Hand Tools and Moveable Equipment which resulted in 2,193, or 21.9 per cent, of work injuries. In the type of accident category, 4,324, or 46.7 per cent of injuries to male employees, resulted from being Struck by Moving or Falling Objects, and 327, or 43.3 per cent of injured female employees, received their injuries in the same manner.

Lacerations and open wounds (2,837 injuries) and sprains and strains were the two most common injuries suffered. Internal injuries caused 7 of the 24 fatalities.

More detailed statistics are available quarterly and annually and may be had on request. For Explanatory Notes relating to these statistics, see previous bulletins (Nos. 53 and 67 of 1968).

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Table 1 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Extent of Disability and Time Lost, March Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability ^a							
		Fatal ^b	Permanent	Temporary	1 Day to 7 Days	Over 7 to 14 Days	Over 2 to 4 Weeks	1 to 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Days Lost		
					Total	Average						
Males												
TOTAL	9,252	24	171	9,057	3,542	2,466	1,510	1,488	51	174,834	19.3	
Primary Production ..	1,028	8	22	998	202	319	223	247	7	26,351	26.4	
Mining and Quarrying ..	268	1	3	264	101	75	48	40	-	4,734	17.9	
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc. ..	181	1	5	175	84	50	17	23	1	2,632	15.0	
Metal Refining and Products ..	554	-	7	547	308	115	65	57	2	7,080	12.9	
Machinery, General Engineering ..	1,153	1	17	1,135	635	234	148	117	1	15,136	13.3	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	895	-	13	882	354	298	142	86	2	13,035	14.8	
Other Food and Drink Processing	453	1	12	440	180	115	65	78	2	8,020	18.2	
Sawmilling and Wood Products	443	1	27	415	144	117	74	79	1	7,389	17.8	
Preparation of Skins and Leather												
Goods Manufacturing ..	35	-	1	34	15	9	3	7	-	509	15.0	
Rubber Goods Manufacturing ..	49	-	2	47	23	16	4	4	-	707	15.0	
Other Manufacturing ..	190	1	1	188	86	45	25	30	2	4,897	26.0	
Electricity and Gas ..	159	-	2	157	67	41	19	28	2	3,850	24.5	
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	113	-	-	113	36	34	27	14	2	2,453	21.7	
Building Construction, Repairs	857	1	12	844	322	227	134	151	10	18,984	22.5	
Other Construction Works ..	968	3	13	952	331	256	176	183	6	20,710	21.8	
Road Transport	332	1	8	323	117	83	58	64	1	6,668	20.6	
Other Transport and Storage	506	3	6	497	157	136	108	93	3	10,489	21.1	
Commerce and Finance ..	790	1	13	776	294	220	120	135	7	15,312	19.7	
Community and Business Services	134	1	3	130	48	34	23	24	1	2,659	20.5	
Amusement and Personal Services	132	-	4	128	33	37	29	28	1	3,084	24.1	
Other Industries ..	12	-	-	12	5	5	2	-	-	135	11.3	
Females												
TOTAL	756	-	10	746	309	218	106	109	4	14,153	19.0	
Primary Production ..	23	-	1	22	4	7	5	6	-	450	20.5	
Metal Refining and Products,												
General Engineering ..	27	-	1	26	10	8	3	5	-	549	21.1	
Textile Manufacturing ..	43	-	-	43	24	12	3	4	-	514	12.0	
Clothing Manufacturing ..	26	-	-	26	12	7	2	5	-	542	20.8	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	138	-	-	138	62	44	23	9	-	1,909	13.8	
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable												
Canning	35	-	-	35	12	9	8	6	-	849	24.3	
Other Food and Drink Processing	33	-	2	31	13	9	4	5	-	481	15.5	
Printing, Packaging, etc.												
Manufacturing	20	-	-	20	8	5	5	2	-	313	15.6	
Other Manufacturing ..	37	-	2	35	15	10	3	6	1	941	26.9	
Commerce and Finance ..	133	-	2	131	64	37	13	17	-	2,000	15.3	
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	90	-	-	90	31	23	11	24	1	2,587	28.7	
Other Community etc. Services	24	-	-	24	10	4	3	7	-	629	26.2	
Hotels, Boarding Houses,												
Restaurants, etc. ..	98	-	2	96	35	34	16	9	2	1,837	19.1	
Amusement and Other Personal												
Services	13	-	-	13	2	6	4	1	-	176	13.5	
Other Industries ..	16	-	-	16	7	3	3	3	-	376	23.5	

^a Calendar period of incapacity and not actual working days.

^b Resulting in death at any time within three years after the accident.

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Type of Accident, March Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries		Falls of Persons		Struck by Moving, Falling Objects, etc.		Caught in or between Objects		Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement		Heat, Cold, Harmful Substances, Currents, etc.		Other Types	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F. ^a	N.F.
Males														
TOTAL	24	9,228	4	1,807	9	4,315	4	795	-	1,628	-	473	7	210
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	3	138	-	31	2	43	-	12	-	35	-	4	1	13
Salesmen	-	117	-	32	-	38	-	3	-	29	-	4	-	11
Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters	7	1,047	1	198	3	545	1	86	-	149	-	41	2	28
Miners and Quarrymen ..	1	220	-	36	1	95	-	36	-	45	-	5	-	3
Road Transport Workers ..	2	487	-	148	-	125	-	44	-	110	-	20	2	40
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	-	167	-	50	-	59	-	11	-	31	-	12	-	4
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	3	1,993	2	250	1	1,032	-	154	-	317	-	215	-	25
Carpenters and Other Wood-working Occupations ..	-	701	-	133	-	353	-	72	-	122	-	11	-	10
Painters and Decorators ..	-	133	-	36	-	50	-	7	-	30	-	8	-	2
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	1	373	-	96	-	161	-	20	-	74	-	11	1	11
Food and Beverage Workers ..	-	822	-	103	-	524	-	51	-	105	-	25	-	14
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	2	318	-	74	-	130	1	32	-	63	-	14	1	5
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	2	460	1	123	-	190	1	32	-	106	-	5	-	4
Labourers n.e.i.	2	1,536	-	296	1	722	1	154	-	270	-	64	-	30
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	-	210	-	67	-	67	-	11	-	50	-	13	-	2
Other Occupations	1	506	-	134	1	181	-	70	-	92	-	21	-	8
Females														
TOTAL	-	756	-	180	-	327	-	60	-	125	-	34	-	30
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	-	79	-	25	-	26	-	4	-	16	-	2	-	6
Sales Workers	-	84	-	23	-	48	-	4	-	6	-	3	-	-
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	-	33	-	4	-	12	-	13	-	3	-	-	-	1
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	-	39	-	7	-	22	-	4	-	6	-	-	-	-
Metal Process Workers ..	-	25	-	1	-	10	-	7	-	4	-	2	-	1
Food and Beverage Workers ..	-	116	-	17	-	60	-	7	-	17	-	8	-	7
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	-	49	-	10	-	17	-	10	-	7	-	1	-	4
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	-	99	-	17	-	51	-	3	-	22	-	3	-	3
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	-	200	-	67	-	71	-	5	-	38	-	15	-	4
Other Occupations	-	32	-	9	-	10	-	3	-	6	-	-	-	4

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

a Including 7 cases due to traffic accidents.

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Agency^a Related to Accident by Nature of Injury, March Quarter 1968

Agency Related to Accident	All Injuries		Fractures, Dis-locations		Sprains and Strains		Lacerations, Open Wounds		Contusions, Bruisings, Superficial Injuries		Burns, Scalds		Other Injuries ^b	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F. ^c	N.F.
Total Persons														
TOTAL	24	9,984	14	1,167	-	2,670	-	2,837	1	2,274	-	424	9	612
Metal and Wood-working Machines	1	534	-	26	-	24	-	220	-	184	-	21	1	59
Other Machines ..	-	514	-	69	-	83	-	207	-	101	-	17	-	37
Lifting Equipment ..	3	149	1	33	-	34	-	34	1	42	-	-	1	6
Installed Equipment ..	-	101	-	6	-	31	-	18	-	17	-	10	-	19
Hand Tools and Moveable Equip- ment	-	2,193	-	173	-	367	-	995	-	475	-	82	-	101
Means of Transport ..	12	1,041	6	181	-	289	-	181	-	295	-	38	6	57
Materials, Substances, and Radiation	1	363	1	5	-	9	-	27	-	94	-	217	-	11
Indoor Working Environment	-	782	-	125	-	318	-	95	-	190	-	9	-	45
Outdoor and Underground Working Environment ..	2	627	1	98	-	266	-	111	-	125	-	3	1	24
Other Agencies ..	5	3,680	5	451	-	1,249	-	949	-	751	-	27	-	253

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

a The agency (i.e., the work conditions, equipment, person, animal, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature precipitated the accident.

b Including miscellaneous reactions to poisons, effects of electric currents, and exposure to weather.

c Including 7 cases due to internal injuries.

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Type of Accident by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability, March Quarter 1968

Type of Accident	All In- juries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability ^a							
		Fatal	Perm- anent	Tem- porary	1 Day to 7 Days	Over 7 to 14 Days	Over 2 to 4 Weeks	1 to 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Days Lost		
										Total	Average	
Total Persons												
TOTAL	10,008	24	181	9,803	3,851	2,684	1,616	1,597	55	188,987	19.3	
Falls of Persons ..	1,991	4	21	1,966	620	517	356	444	29	52,242	26.6	
Struck by Falling Objects	1,081	6	25	1,050	364	261	214	208	3	21,669	20.6	
Stepping on, Striking or Struck by Objects ..	3,570	3	49	3,518	1,695	1,028	488	303	4	45,573	13.0	
Caught in or between Objects	859	4	76	779	256	196	166	158	3	15,635	20.1	
Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	1,753	-	2	1,751	575	488	278	400	10	41,643	23.8	
Exposure to or Contact with Extreme Temperature ..	317	-	-	317	130	95	62	30	-	4,368	13.8	
Exposure to or Contact with Electric Current ..	16	-	1	15	4	4	2	5	-	524	35.0	
Exposure to or Contact with Harmful Substances ..	174	-	1	173	121	30	13	8	1	1,964	11.4	
Traffic Accidents ..	105	7	5	93	24	26	15	23	5	3,301	35.6	
Other Types ..	142	-	1	141	62	39	22	18	-	2,068	14.7	

a See note (a) to Table 1.